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1. A method of incorporating fibriform smoke-modifying material in smoking material rod, wherein fibriform smoke-modifying material is fed longitudinally thereof to a rod making machine, the longitudinal feed path in said machine being in a travel direction of the smoking material deposition run of the suction band of said machine, said feed path of said fibriform smoke-modifying material being caused to ascend towards said deposition run under the influence of the suction force towards said run until at a predetermined distance along said deposition run said fibriform material becomes supported and is subsequently maintained at a predetermined distance from said run by particulate smoking material deposited on said run, thereafter further said smoking material being deposited on said run.
2. A method of incorporating fibriform smoke-modifying material in smoking material rod, wherein fibriform smoke-modifying material is fed longitudinally thereof to a rod making machine comprising therein a smoking material feed chimney, the feed path in said

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machine extending in the travel direction of the smoking material deposition run of the suction band of said machine, said fibriform material being constrained by guide means within said chimney to follow said feed path spaced from said run of said suction band against the suction force towards said run until at a predetermined distance along said deposition run said fibriform material becomes supported and is subsequently maintained at a predetermined distance from said run by particulate smoking material deposited on said run, thereafter further said smoking material being deposited on said run.

3. A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said fibriform smoke-modifying material takes the form of a single, continuous, fibriform element.
4. A method according to Claim 2, wherein said fibriform smoke-modifying material is fed to and into contact with said particulate smoking material in the form of a sequence of discrete fibriform elements.
5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said predetermined distance along said deposition run is selected to be in a mid zone of that portion of said deposition run which extends

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from the location at which smoking material is first deposited on said run to the downstream location at which the smoking material deposition is terminated.

6. A method according to Claim 5, wherein said predetermined distance along said deposition run is located between about 25% and about 60% of the length of said portion of said deposition run as taken from the location at which smoking material is first deposited on said run.
7. A method according to Claim 6, wherein said predetermined distance along said deposition run is located between about 25% and about 40% of said length.
8. A method according to Claim 1 or any one of Claims 3, 5, 6 or 7 as appended to Claim 1, wherein the degree of ascent of said feed path of said fibriform smoke-modifying material is not more than about 5° from the horizontal.
9. A method according to Claim 2 or any one of Claims 3 to 7 as appended to Claim 2, wherein that portion of said feed path which extends beneath said deposition run extends at a constant vertical distance from said deposition run of said suction band.
10. A method according to Claim 2 or any one of Claims 3 to 7 as appended to Claim 2, wherein said guide

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run overlying said guide means is modified relatively to that obtaining at the remainder of said deposition run.

18. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said fibriform element is fed to said rod making machine at a fixed speed in relation to that at which said rod making machine is run.

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